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## CITY HAS A RIGHT TO BIG CONVENTION

Leading Men Give Good Reasons Why the Next Nominee for President on the Democratic Ticket Should Be Named in Madison Square Garden.

Date of the Meeting of the National Committee Has Been Changed to Jan. 12, 1904, and New York Business Men Will Have to Begin Hustling.

The Evening World's contribution of \$5,000 toward a fund to guarantee the expenses of holding the next Democratic National Convention in this city has given the movement impetus and swing. The Hotel Men's Association is to hold a meeting to determine how much money shall be contributed by the hotel proprietors, and arrangements are under way for the formation of a committee to take charge of the matter of raising funds.

But there is great need of haste in the matter. The date of the meeting of the Democratic National Committee which will determine where the convention shall be held has been changed from Jan. 4 to Jan. 12, 1904. This shortens the time for organizing the campaign very materially. It will necessitate prompt action by the business men who would be benefited. To insure consideration, New York should have representatives on hand with arguments and ready money—particularly ready money.

There is little, if any, money in the treasury of the Democratic party. A convention is an expensive affair. The city that gets the convention will be the city that guarantees the most money, provided that other advantages can be offered. It will cost Chicago \$70,000 for the Republican convention in June, and that city will probably offer \$70,000 or \$75,000 for the Democratic Convention. Pittsburgh offered \$100,000 for the Republican Convention, and will be in the field again for the convention of the rival party. St. Louis, with the prestige of the World's Fair behind her, will make a strong fight for the convention, for St. Louis is a Democratic city and Missouri is a Democratic State.

### NO COMPARISON WITH NEW YORK.

In point of advantages of climate, cleanliness, hotel accommodations, convention hall room, transportation, recreation and amusement, New York stands so far ahead of Chicago, St. Louis, Pittsburgh or any other city that may enter the lists for the convention that no comparison is possible. There can be no argument against the availability of this city, and the fact is well known to the members of the National Committee, nearly all of whom visit New York frequently. No time need be wasted in telling them about what New York has to offer.

It will be a show-down of guarantees. Even though New York may not offer so much as some other city or cities, her natural advantages might overbalance the superior financial temptation, but such a contingency should not arise. The metropolis of the United States should be able to send a delegation to Washington next month prepared not only to offer an ideal city for a convention, but the money to make the offer good.

So long a period has elapsed since a National Convention has been held in this city that the merchants and business men generally may not realize how much money such an occasion brings to a city. Chicago is figuring that the Republican Convention will draw 50,000 people to that city for six days at least, and that they will spend over \$1,000,000. Chicago has had many conventions and finds them profitable.

### GREATEST CROWD SINCE DEWEY DAY.

Should the convention be held in New York, it is safe to say that the greatest crowd since the Dewey celebration would be attracted. Evening World reporters who have interviewed railroad managers report that reduced rates would be made from all over the United States. Thousands of persons in the East would flock to New York, not only

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## FISH SAYS WOMAN KEPT HIS JEWELS

Mrs. Hyland, Former South Africa Society Woman, Arrested on Complaint of Retired British Army Officer.

Mrs. Inez Hyland was arrested this afternoon in her apartments at No. 227 West One Hundred and Twenty-first street, by Detectives Deevy and Gallagher on a charge of grand larceny, second degree. She is a retired officer of the British Army. Mr. Fish, who lives at No. 70 West Forty-third street and has an office at No. 82 Broadway, alleges that he gave the woman a diamond ring worth \$1,000, a watch worth \$500 and a necklace worth \$500, to have them appraised. He wanted to borrow \$10,000 from her and they were to be the security. He never saw the woman after that. She reported the matter to the police at once, and they have been searching for her since Dec. 7. Mrs. Hyland was formerly well known as the British Consul in South Africa, and resided in a high place in English society. She is divorced from her husband.

Texas, California and Mexico. Via Southern Ry. A. & W. P. W. of A. L. & N. Sunset Limited Amos Car leaves Sunday at 4:25 P. M. Southern Ry. The Car, high standard of excellence. Offices 271 and 1187 Broadway.

## MAYOR-ELECT M'CLELLAN IS HERE

He Will Mail His Resignation as Congressman to the Governor To-Night—To Give Out Appointments Monday.

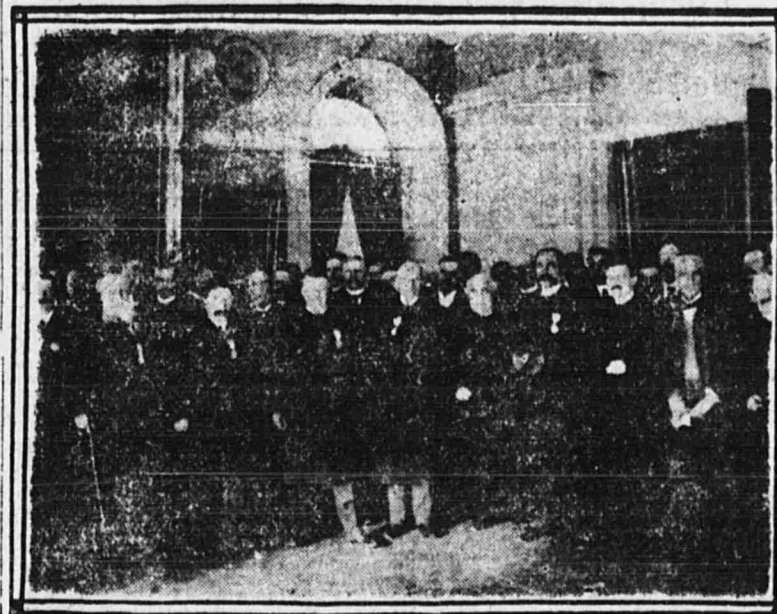
Mayor-elect McClellan arrived in the city this evening from Washington. He will not return, and to-night will mail his resignation to Gov. Odell as a Congressman. Col. McClellan refused to discuss possible appointments in any manner, but said that the full list would probably be given out Monday night.

### THE WEATHER.

Forecast for the thirty-six hours ending at 8 P. M. Sunday for New York City and vicinity: Cloudy and moderating to-night, followed by snow or rain in the early morning; Sunday rain and warmer; fresh easterly winds increasing Sunday to brisk and probably higher.

Holiday Rates South. Via Southern Ry. N. Y. Offices 271 and 1187 Broadway.

## PHOTOGRAPHIC VIEWS OF SCENES ATTENDING THE OPENING TO-DAY OF THE GREAT WILLIAMSBURG BRIDGE ACROSS EAST RIVER.



## 20 TO 1 SHOT, JOE GOSS WINS

Outsider Takes Opening Event at New Orleans from Another Rank Long Shot. Hands Across, Also 20 to 1.

### THE WINNERS.

FIRST RACE—Joe Goss (20 to 1) 1, Hands Across (20 to 1) 2, Frank Bell 3.

SECOND RACE—Montebank (3 to 1) 1, Exclamation (7 to 10) 2, Forest 3.

THIRD RACE—Sweet Nell (2 to 1) 1, Josette (3 to 1) 2, Latuka 3.

FOURTH RACE—Witful (8 to 5) 1, Little Scout (5 to 1) 2, Bondage 3.

(Special to The Evening World.) RACE TRACK, NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 19.—Jockey Fuller reached here to-day. After threatening to rain for the past twenty-four hours the water finally came down while the races were in progress.

FIRST RACE. Six furlongs, purse \$300; entrance \$10; for four-year-olds and upward. Betting: Starters, weight, money. St. Hill, Pl. Joe Goss, 107, 112, 115, 118, 121, 124, 127, 130, 133, 136, 139, 142, 145, 148, 151, 154, 157, 160, 163, 166, 169, 172, 175, 178, 181, 184, 187, 190, 193, 196, 199, 202, 205, 208, 211, 214, 217, 220, 223, 226, 229, 232, 235, 238, 241, 244, 247, 250, 253, 256, 259, 262, 265, 268, 271, 274, 277, 280, 283, 286, 289, 292, 295, 298, 301, 304, 307, 310, 313, 316, 319, 322, 325, 328, 331, 334, 337, 340, 343, 346, 349, 352, 355, 358, 361, 364, 367, 370, 373, 376, 379, 382, 385, 388, 391, 394, 397, 400, 403, 406, 409, 412, 415, 418, 421, 424, 427, 430, 433, 436, 439, 442, 445, 448, 451, 454, 457, 460, 463, 466, 469, 472, 475, 478, 481, 484, 487, 490, 493, 496, 499, 502, 505, 508, 511, 514, 517, 520, 523, 526, 529, 532, 535, 538, 541, 544, 547, 550, 553, 556, 559, 562, 565, 568, 571, 574, 577, 580, 583, 586, 589, 592, 595, 598, 601, 604, 607, 610, 613, 616, 619, 622, 625, 628, 631, 634, 637, 640, 643, 646, 649, 652, 655, 658, 661, 664, 667, 670, 673, 676, 679, 682, 685, 688, 691, 694, 697, 700, 703, 706, 709, 712, 715, 718, 721, 724, 727, 730, 733, 736, 739, 742, 745, 748, 751, 754, 757, 760, 763, 766, 769, 772, 775, 778, 781, 784, 787, 790, 793, 796, 799, 802, 805, 808, 811, 814, 817, 820, 823, 826, 829, 832, 835, 838, 841, 844, 847, 850, 853, 856, 859, 862, 865, 868, 871, 874, 877, 880, 883, 886, 889, 892, 895, 898, 901, 904, 907, 910, 913, 916, 919, 922, 925, 928, 931, 934, 937, 940, 943, 946, 949, 952, 955, 958, 961, 964, 967, 970, 973, 976, 979, 982, 985, 988, 991, 994, 997, 1000.

SECOND RACE. Seven furlongs, purse \$400; for two-year-olds. Betting: Starters, weight, money. St. Hill, Pl. Montebank, 112, 115, 118, 121, 124, 127, 130, 133, 136, 139, 142, 145, 148, 151, 154, 157, 160, 163, 166, 169, 172, 175, 178, 181, 184, 187, 190, 193, 196, 199, 202, 205, 208, 211, 214, 217, 220, 223, 226, 229, 232, 235, 238, 241, 244, 247, 250, 253, 256, 259, 262, 265, 268, 271, 274, 277, 280, 283, 286, 289, 292, 295, 298, 301, 304, 307, 310, 313, 316, 319, 322, 325, 328, 331, 334, 337, 340, 343, 346, 349, 352, 355, 358, 361, 364, 367, 370, 373, 376, 379, 382, 385, 388, 391, 394, 397, 400, 403, 406, 409, 412, 415, 418, 421, 424, 427, 430, 433, 436, 439, 442, 445, 448, 451, 454, 457, 460, 463, 466, 469, 472, 475, 478, 481, 484, 487, 490, 493, 496, 499, 502, 505, 508, 511, 514, 517, 520, 523, 526, 529, 532, 535, 538, 541, 544, 547, 550, 553, 556, 559, 562, 565, 568, 571, 574, 577, 580, 583, 586, 589, 592, 595, 598, 601, 604, 607, 610, 613, 616, 619, 622, 625, 628, 631, 634, 637, 640, 643, 646, 649, 652, 655, 658, 661, 664, 667, 670, 673, 676, 679, 682, 685, 688, 691, 694, 697, 700, 703, 706, 709, 712, 715, 718, 721, 724, 727, 730, 733, 736, 739, 742, 745, 748, 751, 754, 757, 760, 763, 766, 769, 772, 775, 778, 781, 784, 787, 790, 793, 796, 799, 802, 805, 808, 811, 814, 817, 820, 823, 826, 829, 832, 835, 838, 841, 844, 847, 850, 853, 856, 859, 862, 865, 868, 871, 874, 877, 880, 883, 886, 889, 892, 895, 898, 901, 904, 907, 910, 913, 916, 919, 922, 925, 928, 931, 934, 937, 940, 943, 946, 949, 952, 955, 958, 961, 964, 967, 970, 973, 976, 979, 982, 985, 988, 991, 994, 997, 1000.

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### DROWNED BY RISING TIDE.

Aged Man Unable to Extricate Himself from Mud. The funeral of aged William Becker, who met a horrible death in Westchester Creek, will be held to-day at the Odd Fellows' Home, in Unionport, where he had lived for many years. While taking a walk Thursday afternoon the old man's feet became fast in the mud at the edge of the creek, and when the tide came in he was drowned. The coroner believes that the death was accidental, although inmates of the home say the old man was greatly depressed because of the death of a friend.

### PERU RECOGNIZES PANAMA.

Colombia Loses Another of the Latin-American Republics. LIMA, Peru, Dec. 19.—By a decree dated Dec. 18 the Peruvian Government has recognized the Republic of Panama. WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The fact of Peru's recognition of Panama was first communicated to the State Department by Dr. Calderon, the Peruvian Minister. A little later a cablegram from Mr. Neill, the United States Charge and Secretary of Legation at Lima, arrived, stating that the Peruvian Government had appointed a Consul Panama, thereby recognizing the new republic, as the credentials were addressed to it.

Pinehurst (N. C.) Special. Via Southern Ry. Drawing-room sleepers for Pinehurst leave Sunday at 5:00 P. M. and 11:00 P. M. Offices 271 and 1187 Broadway.

## WOMAN KILLED IN BROADWAY RUNAWAY

Miss Sarah A. Thomas Crushed to Death and Two Other Persons Seriously Injured in Mad Dash of Horse on Sidewalk in Crowd of Shoppers.

One woman was killed, one woman and one man badly hurt, and a dozen or more other persons injured by a runaway horse that sped down Broadway on the sidewalk from Thirty-sixth to Thirty-second street, dashing thousands of shoppers to one side, striking those who could not get out of the way, and dragging a swaying wagon over others who fell in his path.

The woman who was killed was Miss Sarah A. Thomas, a beautiful young woman from Indiana, Pa., who has been visiting Dr. and Mrs. J. Arthur Booth, of No. 46 West Forty-ninth street. She came to New York less than two months ago, hoping through Dr. Booth's influence to get a position as a trained nurse in one of the New York hospitals. She met death while buying Christmas gifts for her parents and friends at home.

The horse, which was owned by a delivery concern, was feeding in Thirty-sixth street, just east of Broadway. He wore no bridle and the feed-bag almost covered his eyes. Suddenly an automobile containing two women and two men rounded the corner of Broadway with a loud noise. The horse became frightened and dashed toward the sidewalk, breaking through a plate-glass window fourteen feet square in the millinery establishment of Miss Bacon, at No. 107 West Thirty-sixth street.

The falling glass cut the horse in dozens of places, and with blood streaming from the wounds and almost blinded the animal burst down the sidewalk turning south at Broadway. He cleared the street and made for the sidewalk. Thousands of shoppers were on the sidewalk. The cry of warning had not reached them before the horse was upon them. In making their own escape they ran over each other.

Half a dozen women were knocked down before the horse crossed the Thirty-fifth street crossing. Men tried to stop the horse, but so maddened was the brute and so crazed from pain that he plunged ahead, throwing them aside.

At Thirty-fourth street the wagon swerved to one side, and the guard in a big department store who had seized

## CLERK'S THEFTS BANKRUPT FIRM

Laighton & Foulke, Cotton Brokers, Forced to the Wall by the Peculations of an Old and Trusted Employee.

The fraudulent operations of John H. Laing, for six years confidential clerk for the well-known cotton commission house of Laighton & Foulke, of No. 3 William street, resulted in the suspension of the house to-day. The failure was announced on the Cotton Exchange shortly after the opening and created a sensation, as the firm is one of the most conservative in the city. It was better understood later in the day, however, when it became known that the trouble was due entirely to the peculations of a dishonest employee. Laing has disappeared.

### Laing Was Absolutely Trusted.

Laing is thirty-two years old and lives in this city. He was absolutely trusted by his employers and only because of this was it possible for his system of deception to be successful. Mr. Laighton is the exchange member of the firm and Laing not only kept the books, but was the only person in the house allowed to communicate orders to buy and sell over the telephone to Mr. Laighton at the exchange. Laing entered a number of dummy names on the books and it was his custom to send orders to sell to Mr. Laighton in the names of these dummy customers. The man was a consistent liar, and if the market had turned as he expected it to, the books show he would have realized a very large amount of money.

As the market rose steadily, and Laing continued to pour orders over the telephone to Mr. Laighton to sell, the latter became alarmed and ordered Laing to secure more margin from "Smith," "Jones" or "Brown," whichever dummy Laing happened to be using at the time. Within a very short time Laing would send word back that the margins were in all right. Meantime the firm was buying heavily on its own account, believing itself to be protected by margins of bear customers.

### Posed as Selling Orders.

Yesterday was a strenuous day in the cotton market, cotton going up as high as 12.25 and closing at 12.19. During the morning Laing poured in selling orders in desperation. Nothing could save him but a turn in the market. Time and again Mr. Laighton asked if the margins of the dummy customers were all right and Laing replied that they were. At 1 o'clock Laing evidently saw that the margins were not all right, and he began to pose as a dummy customer in whose name Laing had been selling heavily all the morning. Further investigation revealed the fact that the man whose name was Laing's was not a customer at all, but a dummy. Messengers were sent out for Laing, but he could not be found anywhere.

Mr. Laighton was summoned from the Exchange and he and his partner had a consultation with their attorney, Russell Benedict, of No. 18 Wall street. As they were unable to figure out where they stood, it was decided to suspend. A request was posted on the Exchange by the firm to-day, that all brokers from whom the firm had bought and sold to whom it had sold on the fraudulent orders of Laing, present their accounts at once. Until all of these accounts are in, there will be no selling what the loss is. "It may be \$1,000,000," said Mr. Laighton. "We cannot tell. We may be right, we may be wrong. We were caught both ways. We sold up and down for him and bought and sold in the meantime may help us, but everything is so complicated that we cannot make head or tail out of it now." After an expert accountant had been at Laing's books for several hours he was summoned and instructions given to the firm to-day. The detective went to the address which Laing gave the firm when he first entered its employ and found that he had moved from there some time ago. No trace of the man has been found.

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## GUNS OF THE NAVY AND ARMY BOOM BRIDGE SALUTE

Mayor Low and City Officials Enter the Manhattan End of the Structure as Representatives of Brooklyn Enter the Other, and They Meet in the Centre Where Formal Ceremonies Take Place.

## CITY'S EXECUTIVE FORMALLY DECLARES IT OPEN FOR TRAFFIC.

Arrangements Are Completed for the Great Display of Fireworks Which Will Begin at 8 o'Clock